

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2004, Applicants amend their application and request reconsideration. In this Amendment non-elected claims 5-15 are cancelled leaving claims 1-4 pending.

Claim 4 is allowed. Notwithstanding that allowance, in this Amendment, claim 4 is amended to eliminate the words "high frequency". It is apparent that the present invention is directed to a semiconductor integrated circuit that operates in the microwave frequency range. Because at least one opinion of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has misconstrued the term "high frequency" to pertain to signals in the frequency range of 3-30 MHz, that term is eliminated from the claims. Clearly, the invention disclosed and claimed here does not pertain to the traditional "high frequency" band of 3-30 MHz. Similar amendments are made with respect to claims 1-3.

Each of claims 1-3 is amended. The amendment to claim 1 is supported in the original disclosure at page 9, lines 20-24. The amendments to claim 2 are supported in the patent application from page 8, line 21 through page 9, line 24. The amendments to claim 3 are also supported in the original disclosure at page 9, but in lines 3-24. Those passages pertain to what is described in the patent application as the first embodiment, including pages 6-9 of the patent application. As emphasized at page 9, lines 3-19 of the patent application, the wire of claims 1-3 is connected or disconnected depending upon whether the input to the semiconductor integrated circuit is to be only the main circuit or whether the circuit block is also to be connected to change the input characteristics of the integrated circuit.

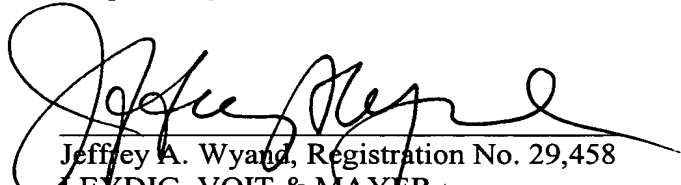
Claims 1-3 were rejected as anticipated by Saitou (U.S. Patent 6,346,859). This rejection is respectfully traversed as to claims 1-3 that are now presented.

In order to anticipate claims 1-3, Saitou must disclose every element of each of those claims. Saitou fails that stringent test. For example, there is no disclosure in Saitou that the circuitry illustrated in Figures 17 and 18 of that patent may be switched between various input characteristics by connection or disconnection of a wire. The similarity of claim 2 to allowed claim 4, clearly indicates that amended claim 2 should be allowed. Further, with respect to claim 3, there is no arrangement described in Saitou for preventing transmission leakage of the input signal. For these reasons, upon reconsideration, the rejection should be withdrawn with respect to amended claims 1-3 and those claims should be allowed.

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Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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